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## New beginning in Northern Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Peace negotiators have proclaimed “a new beginning” for Northern Ireland, with the emphasis on “beginning.”

Major issues remain to be resolved, approval by two pivotal parties is uncertain and referendums in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland must be won next month before the accord takes effect.

But despite the remaining obstacles, the eight exhilarated and exhausted participating parties signed off Friday afternoon on a document that took the peace process a giant leap forward.

The chairman of the talks, former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell, was cautiously optimistic following the grueling 32-hour

negotiating marathon.

“This agreement is a reason to celebrate. But by itself, it guarantees nothing,” Mitchell said.

“If it is approved in referendums north and south, it offers the chance for a better future. But to secure that future, it will take the good-faith efforts of the leaders gathered here, and the commitment of all the people of Northern Ireland.”

The accord is expected to pass easily in the south, but hard-line Protestants vow to defeat it in the north, saying it makes too many concessions to the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party.

The Ulster Unionists, the largest pro-British Protestant party in Northern Ireland, and Sinn Fein also must run it by

their memberships before committing to the agreement.

And nothing guarantees that at least one of several hard-line groups, which have opposed the negotiations all along, won't resume their sporadic bombing and shooting campaigns.

The Irish Republican Army hinted as much in its traditional Easter message, vowing, “We remain committed to ending British rule in Ireland and the reunification of our country. We will carefully study the outcome of the talks process against its potential” to unite Ireland.

The politicians at the negotiating venue Friday acknowledged all the obstacles ahead. But they gave themselves at least one day to bask in their achievement.

## Report says Karadzic discusses surrender

By Washington Post

HAMBURG, Germany — Indicted war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic has discussed possible terms of surrender with moderate Bosnian Serbian leaders and appears most worried about where he would serve his sentence if convicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal, senior Western officials said Friday.

Running short of money and losing the loyalty of some bodyguards, Karadzic, who was the Bosnian Serbian

leader during the 1992-1995 war, has contacted the president and prime minister of the Bosnian Serbian Republic, Biljana Plavsic and Milorad Dodik, to convey his willingness under certain conditions to stand trial on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, informed diplomats said.

The diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, quoted the Bosnian Serbian leaders as saying Karadzic was prepared to hand himself

over voluntarily on two occasions in recent weeks to NATO peacekeepers for extradition to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, the Dutch capital, but the transfers fell through each time.

Karadzic apparently has insisted on trying to negotiate the best possible deal for himself, rather than continue eluding capture by Western soldiers. While another leading war crimes suspect, Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serbian military commander during

the war, is known to be in the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, there have been reports suggesting Karadzic has gone into hiding or may have fled the country.

But senior Western officials said Karadzic is still believed to be hiding on Bosnian Serbian territory. The NATO-led peacekeeping mission has been able to keep track of his movements through U.S. reconnaissance drones.

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## Fenway cuts off beer taps for home opener

BOSTON (AP) — No beeyah at Fenway Park for the season home opener? What's next, no swan boats in the Public Garden?

For the first time since Prohibition, there was no beer served at Fenway for the Red Sox' first home game, the result of it coinciding with Good Friday and Passover.

Team officials thought it would be in poor taste for fans to be boozing on the

day Christ died.

But to those who worship the baseball team as a secular religion, not to have a brew to wash down a Fenway Frank is sacrilegious.

“It doesn't make sense. There was a lot of alcohol consumed in the Bible,” said David Corcoran.

Corcoran, 32, a health care consultant, was waiting in line to get into the Cask & Flagon bar across the street from Fenway

Park. He planned to watch the game at the bar with friends.

Fans both for and against the alcohol ban had different theories about the prohibition.

Some said the Red Sox had been caught serving to minors last year and had to surrender their license for a day. They figured the Sox picked Opening Day because they would be assured a full house regardless.

## **Lockheed responds to merger concerns**

By Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Lockheed Martin Corp. and Northrop Grumman Corp. said Friday that the Justice Department is using misguided analysis of antitrust law in trying to block their proposed \$12 billion merger and argued that the deal would actually increase competition rather than hinder it.

In the companies' 80-page response to a March 23 government lawsuit, the aerospace giants say that rather than limiting competition, as the government contends, the deal would enable the two firms to compete more effectively against rivals Boeing Co. and Raytheon Co.

The companies contend those two competitors are far larger in aircraft manufacturing and defense electronics, respectively.

After its recent mergers with McDonnell Douglas Corp. and the defense business of Rockwell International, "Boeing is presently seven times larger than Lockheed Martin in aircraft, and twice as large in military aircraft," the filing stated.

# **Lightning strike blamed for damage to stealth**

**WASHINGTON** (AP) — Small holes have been discovered in one of the Air Force's eight B-2 stealth bombers, damage that could cost up to \$500,000 to repair, the service announced Friday.

The cause of the damage was unknown, but it may have been caused by a lightning strike, said Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Jay DeFrank.

All the service's B-2s are based with the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri. Each aircraft cost \$2 billion.

The damaged aircraft bears the name "Spirit of Missouri."

Damage amounts to small holes in the stealth material on one of the wings, the spokesman said. The plane is covered with specialized materials that enable it to absorb or deflect radar signals and thus avoid detection.

The damage occurred to the front edge of one of the wings, said Lt. Eric Elliott, a spokesman for the Air Combat Command at Langley, Va., which has responsibility for the planes.

Elliott said the damage, which initially had been thought to carry up to a \$2 million price tag to repair, had been found to be less extensive than first thought, and therefore not as expensive.

Elliott said the plane was struck by lightning Feb. 26, but that no damage had been detected until the past several days. "They think that's when it could have occurred," the spokesman said.

The bat-winged airplane is able to fly despite the damage, he said.

DeFrank said the damage "may have been caused by a static discharge. ... We think it could be related to lightning."

"This is a preliminary report. They are investigating what really did it," the spokesman said.

No B-2 has yet flown a combat mission. Eight are operational, and the Air Force plans to build 21 in all.

The first B-2 entered service at Whiteman in December 1993.

## **Long-time fighter against segregation dies at 80**

By New York Times

Alfred McKenzie, who took part in a major protest against segregation in the military in World War II while serving as a bomber pilot with the all-black Tuskegee Airmen, and then won a lawsuit decades later ending the Government Printing Office's discrimination against

black employees, died on March 30 at Southern Maryland Hospital in Clinton, Md. He lived in Fort Washington, Md., and was 80.

The cause was complications of prostate cancer, his family said.

"He was very friendly and polite, he never made speeches and I never heard

him raise his voice," said Roderic Boggs, executive director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, which represented McKenzie in a class-action federal lawsuit against the printing office. "But beneath that warm exterior was a person of rock-solid principles."

## **Guard commander during Kent State riots succumbs to heart failure at age 85**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** (AP) — Retired Maj. Gen. Sylvester T. Del Corso, who was commander of the Ohio National Guard in 1970 when four Kent State University students were fatally shot by guardsmen, has died. He was 85.

Del Corso, who served in three wars and received 23 awards and decorations during his career, died at his home Tuesday of apparent heart failure, said his daughter, Ann Momper.

Del Corso was adjutant general, the statewide commander of National Guard troops, on May 4, 1970, when guardsmen

opened fire on Kent State students protesting the Vietnam War. Four students were killed and nine were injured.

Del Corso was a defendant in lawsuits resulting from the shootings, but jurors cleared him of liability.

Investigations by the federal government and the National Guard found the shootings were spontaneous and no order to fire was given by anyone in command. Del Corso never apologized for the shootings, but expressed regret they had occurred and never defended the guard's actions.

### **Stripes**

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# Southern storm victims start picking up pieces

EDGEWATER, Ala. (AP) — It would be unfair to call Larry Brascome a quitter.

The term "realist" is probably more fitting.

As he tiptoed through the wreckage in his daughter's bedroom Friday — one of two rooms in his tornado-ravaged house no longer covered by a roof

— he weighed the advantages of moving out over rebuilding.

"I've got to take a few days to clear my head," he said. "But we'll probably move somewhere else. I don't know if there's anything worth saving here."

Those sentiments were echoed all around Edgewater and neighboring McDonald Chapel, two of the hardscrabble Birmingham suburbs where some of the most extensive damage occurred in Wednesday night's tornado that killed 33 people and injured more than 160 in Alabama.

Vice President Al Gore, accompanied by a contingent of congressmen, senators, federal and state officials, toured the devastated area by air Friday.

## *Baby tale may be only myth*

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The revelation that a 9-month-old had been found alive in a house demolished by a tornado was a feel-good story that emerged from the rubble of the deadly twister.

Now authorities say they can't confirm that the baby was found alive and don't believe the story is true.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Woodward had said Thursday that a baby was found in the rubble of the storm but that he had no further details. On Friday, Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Ozley also said a 9-month-old was found with the help of a helicopter's heat-detecting device.

He said rescuers had been looking for the infant all day. He had few details — such as the baby's name or gender, or the fate of family members — but did say the baby "was all right."

Later Friday, though, Ozley said the department had not been able to confirm the story, which had gained widespread coverage. Ozley said officers apparently had picked up erroneous information.

He promised swift, efficient assistance to storm victims.

"The devastation we saw on this tour exceeds that associated with any tornado I have ever seen," said Gore, who has visited such sites for President Clinton for six years.

Brian Peters of the National

Weather Service said the damage was caused by three monster tornadoes, packing winds as high as 300 mph — strong enough to lift houses off their foundations.

Witnesses described the twister as a huge, boiling cloud that left a path of destruction almost 31 miles long and as much as a half-mile wide in places.

Emergency management officials said Friday up to 1,117 homes had been destroyed in Jefferson County alone.

Elsewhere in the state, officials said the total number of damaged homes was still guesswork.

Gore used an Army helicopter to tour mile after mile of the storm-damaged neighborhoods north of Atlanta.

# Some Oklahoma City bombing remains still in limbo

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — About a week before the third anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing, victims' families are grappling with the sensitive issue of how to dispose of remains that cannot be identified.

Ray Blakeney, director of operations for the Medical Examiner's Office, said Friday his office sent letters to victims' families to get their input on burial of "unidentified fragmented tissue" collect-

ed from the rubble of the federal building.

"We're not talking about a great deal of tissue. This is tissue that will easily fit into one casket," Blakeney said.

The remains have been stored in the medical examiner's office since the bombing and include small fragments of tissue, bone and hair.

"The concern of everybody is that we not re-traumatize these individuals," Ok-

# FCC holds off plans to regulate Net telephone companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Companies that offer long-distance calling over the Internet could end up paying to support the nation's telephone system just as traditional phone companies do. But not yet.

The Federal Communications Commission, in a report to Congress Friday, said Internet phone services seem more like telecommunications services — which are regulated — than like Internet services, which are not. But because information is lacking, the FCC said, it is not ready to conclude that the Internet service should be regulated as a telecommunications service.

Such a finding could require IDT Corp., Qwest Communications, Level III and other Internet phone companies to pay fees to support affordable telephone service. That would result in higher rates.

Some Internet telephone services "bear the characteristics of telecommunications services, but we do not, however, believe it is appropriate to make any definitive pronouncements in the absence of a more complete record," the report said. But the door was left open to future regulation, FCC officials said.

Less than one-half of 1 percent of telephone time is taken up by Net calls.

In most cases, Internet phone companies — just as traditional phone companies — rely on local phone companies to begin and end calls. Long-distance companies pay local companies fees for this service.

Oklahoma City police chaplain Jack Poe said.

Family members have until April 25 to respond, but Blakeney said most of the families he has talked with "would like to see this take place at the bombing site."

Diane Leonard, whose husband was one of the 168 people killed in the April 19, 1995, bombing, says she believes it is appropriate to bury the remains "together in one place" at the bomb site.

# Con man counts FBI among those conned

CHICAGO (AP) — A government mole allegedly turned out to be a con man who conned the FBI.

Wired with a hidden recorder and given \$10,000, William A. Russell went off to deliver a bribe to a union leader. He returned with a tape-recording purporting to indicate the official had pocketed the money.

It was the beginning of an undercover assignment that lasted 14 months in 1991 and 1992.

Now law enforcement officials say the tape was a hoax.

Earlier this week, Russell, 59, was charged with one count of conspiring to defraud a U.S. government agency, one count of obstructing justice and two counts of lying to a federal grand jury.

According to court records, Russell cheated the FBI of the \$10,000 payoff as well as nearly \$113,000 in living expenses.

The government did not reveal the name of the union of-

official under investigation.

FBI spokesman Bob Long said the agent in charge of Russell's undercover probe went by the book. "We had no reason to suspect any wrongdoing at the time," Long said. According to the indictment, Russell went to the FBI in 1991 with a claim of rampant corruption in a labor union local. While wearing an FBI recording device, Russell met with the union official on Aug. 15, 1991, the charges allege. But the tape of the meet-

ing was sabotaged.

The next month, authorities said a telephone call was recorded by Russell and an unknown co-conspirator to make it appear the union official confirmed the solicitation of a bribe.

Four days later, Russell and his co-conspirator are alleged to have staged a meeting with the union leader during which Russell pretended to pay the \$10,000 bribe.

Russell provided tapes of the meeting to the FBI.

## Town's revolt ends in vote

GLENDALE, Colo. (AP) — City leaders went too far when they tried to crack down on strip joints and taverns in Glendale, a low-income town. Now they're feeling the wrath of the Glendale Tea Party.

The newly formed party, which claimed town leaders were running roughshod over individual and property rights by trying to restrict the clubs, won all three seats that were contested in last Tuesday's nonpartisan election for the six-member city council.

"I don't think they realized people like the club," said Shotgun Willie's owner Debbie Matthews, whose business is located in a community dominated by businesses, apartment complexes and condominiums. "The support we had was heartening."

Small business owners backed the Tea Party candidates: a landscape project design manager, a nurse and a print shop owner.

The losing candidates, supported by

Glendale Mayor Joe Rice and other local leaders, wanted the city to attract families and more permanent residents. They contended the Tea Party was a political machine.

The most publicized issue was a proposed ordinance to tighten strip club regulations. The club owners said the law would have quickly put them out of business.

"We were being taxed. We had representation that did not give a fig about us, but was putting our property in jeopardy," said John Hill, owner of Mile High Saloon, the other strip club.

Built on roughly a square mile surrounded by south Denver, Glendale has about 4,000 mostly low-income residents, who typically stay less than a year. The city has just three single-family homes.

Glendale's daytime population swells to about 25,000 workers in retail, office complexes and two telemarketing centers.

## Rare identical quadruplets call Iowa home

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The state where the McCaughey septuplets were born has recorded an even rarer multiple birth — identical quadruplets conceived without fertility drugs.

To top it off, the birth of Kimberly and Daniel

Grady's daughters was followed by the birth of another set of quadruplets a day later at the same hospital.

Dr. Jerome Yankowitz, head of the hospitals' division of maternal and fetal medicine, said conceiving identical quadruplets

without using fertility drugs is rarer than conceiving septuplets with fertility drugs.

"The odds are at least one in 100 million and possibly greater," he said.

The Grady's four identical girls were delivered 14 weeks premature.

## Firemen die in Iowa turkey farm blast

From Associated Press

ALBERT CITY, Iowa — A propane tank at a northwest Iowa turkey farm exploded after it was set ablaze by teenagers riding all-terrain vehicles. Two volunteer firemen were killed.

"From what we can determine, it was an accident," said Buena Vista County Sheriff Charles Eddy. "It wasn't vandalism."

Eddy said there will be no charges filed against the teen-agers.

The firefighters — Tom Archer, 47, and Larry Walsh, 45, both of Albert City — died in the Thursday night explosion at the Herrig Brothers farm, about 80 miles northeast of Sioux City. Six other volunteers and a deputy sheriff were injured, none seriously.

## Bad trip for 'Hippie'

BEAVERCREEK, Ohio — It looks like Manny the Hippie is on another bad trip.

Manny, whose real name is Micah L. Papp, gained fame after late-night talk show host David Letterman found him in San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury district and had him review summer movies.

But Papp, 21, who was wanted for violating probation on a drug-trafficking conviction, was spotted on television by authorities. He returned to Greene County and in June completed an 18-month prison sentence.

On Wednesday, Papp was charged with resisting arrest and littering at the Mall at Fairfield Commons, Beaver-creek police Sgt. George Moody said.

## 5 teen-age loggers found tortured, slain

From Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Five teen-agers who were illegally logging east of Mexico City have been found dead in the forest, tortured and shot in the head, and officials suspect local police of involvement in the killings, Mexico's official news agency reported.

A sixth teen-ager who had been logging with the others witnessed the attack in the southern Morelos state, and told the newspaper Cronica that the attackers wore dark uniforms and ski masks. The survivor was in police custody, newspapers reported.

### Britain flooding kills 2

LONDON — Torrential rain Friday brought floods to central and eastern England that left two people dead and two feared drowned. Hundreds were rescued by boat and helicopter.

Roads and rail lines were flooded and many motorists across the Midlands spent the night in service stations and makeshift rest centers after being caught by the rising waters.

The town of Northampton, 50 miles north of London, was having to cope with what was probably the worst flooding in its history, police said.

A woman in her 80s was found dead at an apartment in the town, and police said she appeared to have drowned.

The body of a middle-age man was recovered early Friday from a trailer park on the banks of the Avon River near Evesham in Worcestershire, 70 miles northwest of London.

### Poisoned wine claims two

BOGOTÁ, Colombia — A Roman Catholic priest and a woman died after drinking wine at a pre-Easter ceremony that was apparently laced with poison.

The Rev. Jesus David Saenz and Marina Rojas died after drinking the wine on Thursday at a church in Villavicencio, 55 miles southeast of the capital of Bogotá, police said Friday.

The wine was sent to the church by mail, along with chocolate and other sweets.

Others who were given a glass of the wine spit it out because it tasted unusual, police said.

Authorities were investigating the incident and another apparent poisoning on Friday in Sibate, just outside Bogotá.

# Administration claims win for policy on war criminals

By Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Proclaiming victory for the Pentagon's once-scorned approach to accused war criminals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Clinton administration officials said Friday that the eventual arrest of all suspects, including Radovan Karadzic, now seems certain.

Even officials at the State Department who had urged the Pentagon to move much more quickly against all accused war criminals now concede that the military's approach has been proved correct.

Karadzic, the wartime political leader of the Bosnian Serbs, has lost almost all of his power in the last year and has dropped from sight.

This week, rumors circulated in Europe that he was trying to negotiate terms for surrender to the international war crimes tribunal in The

Hague, Netherlands.

"This could be very good news," an administration official said, referring to the rumors, which he said Washington cannot confirm. "But, if not, it's only a matter of time."

Another administration official cautioned that it might take time to spring the trap on Karadzic. But he said the former Bosnian Serbian president has virtually no chance of regaining his power.

After the 1995 conference that ended Bosnia's bloody ethnic war, many analysts, including top State Department officials, argued that the peace process would collapse if Karadzic and others indicted for war crimes remained at large.

But the Pentagon, and other NATO military commands, insisted that the first priority was to separate the warring factions.

## War booty bells to stay in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — For now, anyway, two Bells of Balangiga that were seized from a Catholic church in the Philippines as war booty nearly a century ago will keep their place of honor in a windswept memorial on Wyoming's plains.

The fate of the bells was one of the topics in the Oval Office during Friday's working lunch between President Clinton and Philippine President Fidel Ramos. Their meeting yielded no resolution

on the bells, but Ramos said Clinton promised to push the idea of sharing them.

Filipinos want their bells back.

But lawmakers and veterans' groups oppose the idea of moving them from their home at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, just north of Cheyenne, and Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., welcomed the latest word.

"History brought the bells to Wyoming and it is there they should stay," said Thomas, who has in-

troduced a bill in Congress that would prevent objects from U.S. war memorials from being returned to other countries.

Bishop Joseph Hart, the leader of Wyoming's Catholic Church, said he was sorry the dispute remains unresolved.

"It is obviously my hope that these bells can still be returned to the Catholic churches from which they came in a way which respects the feelings of all involved," he said.

## Land war leads to death, injuries, arrests

HONG KONG (AP) — Violent clashes recently in south China over a land dispute have resulted in one death, five arrests and dozens of injuries, a Hong Kong newspaper reported Saturday.

The disturbances began on April 1 when villagers from Yuanzhou, in southern China's Guangdong province, complained to local officials that the government had failed to compensate them for

appropriating their land, the Oriental Daily News reported.

Local police arrested five village representatives who fought with other villagers, who had attacked them, the report said.

A person contacted by phone at Yuanzhou police station who said he was a policeman said before hanging up that he was "unclear" about the incident.

## 'Seinfeld' creators beg for secrecy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The *Seinfeld* gang labored until the wee hours of the morning Thursday on the sitcom's finale, but now comes the tough part: keeping the ending a secret.

Jerry Seinfeld and writer Larry David, who co-created the series, implored the studio audience to remain mum.

"Larry's speech to the audience was 'I have a dream. My dream is the TV audience that comes to the show on May 14 will not know any of the details,'" NBC executive Rick Ludwin said Thursday.

Television viewers will enjoy the hour-plus finale more if it's all a surprise to them, David told the crowd made up of family, friends and colleagues at CBS Studio Center. He wrote the final script.

The studio audience did not see the final scenes, which had been pre-filmed as part of the secrecy effort. Actors and others involved with the show have signed confidentiality agreements.

Filming on the last episode got under way at 9 p.m. Wednesday and ended about 2 a.m. Thursday. Then the celebration began.

"Out came the cigars, the champagne and the hors d'oeuvres. I left at 3:30, but they were still going strong," said Ludwin, who helped develop *Seinfeld* in the late 1980s.

Seinfeld and co-stars Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Michael Richards clearly felt the emotional weight, Littlefield said.

"As the cast was introduced and came out to take their opening bows, there were tears and really heartfelt hugs and embraces for all four principal cast members," Littlefield said. "They said, 'Let's start the show.'"

NBC, in an attempt to keep the heart of its powerhouse Thursday night lineup, had offered Seinfeld an estimated \$5 million per episode for next year.

Seinfeld opted out of a new season.

# Stars turn out to remember Wynette

By Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A public memorial service for Tammy Wynette ended Thursday with Lorrie Morgan bringing a crowd of 1,500 to tears and then to its feet with a rendition of *Stand by Your Man*, Wynette's signature tune.

A large portrait of Wynette was center stage and a spotlight was fixed on it. Loretta Lynn was scheduled to perform but canceled at the last minute. Dolly Parton told the audience Lynn "was just so broke up she couldn't make it here."

The hourlong service, held at famous Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville, was emotional throughout, with stars paying tribute to "the first lady of country music."

Randy Travis, Wynonna, Parton, The Oak Ridge Boys and Rudy Gatlin performed, while Merle Haggard appeared on video.

Earlier Wynette was buried after a private funeral that featured Parton, who was so upset she couldn't finish a song.

"Thank you. That's all I can sing right now," Parton said after cutting short the gospel tune *Shine On*.

Garth Brooks, Randy Travis, Trisha

Yearwood and Crystal Gayle were among the mourners.

At the public service, Parton again sang *Shine On*, this time making it all the way through.

At the end, she sang the refrain from *I Will Always Love You*, her famous 1970s tune.

A tearful Naomi Judd called Wynette the "most distinguished female vocalist in our history" and said she was "one of the biggest-hearted people I've ever known."

"We had three queens in country music and one of them's gone now," Judd said, referring to Wynette, Parton and Lynn.

She then introduced Wynonna, who earned a standing ovation with a stirring rendition of *How Great Thou Art*.

Wynette, 55, died Monday at her home from a blood clot in her lungs. She had a long history of health problems and was hospitalized many times in the last decade for ailments ranging from respiratory problems to the mumps.

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh in Itawamba County, Miss., Wynette picked cotton as a child and earned a living as a hairdresser before making it as a singer.

**Faces  
'n'  
places**

## In The Stars and Stripes

### 10 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1988 — A veterans group hunted for "Hanoi Jane" with a mock gun turret to protest actress Jane Fonda's plans to film part of a movie in the Waterbury, Conn., area.

### 20 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1978 — A federal grand jury indicted former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray and two of his assistants for conspiring to violate civil rights by using illegal surveillance in a search for fugitive Weatherman radicals.

### 30 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1968 — One of the world's largest ferries, carrying 744 people, sank in 125 mph winds off the coast of Wellington, New Zealand.

### 40 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1958 — Cuban police tracked down rebels and hidden arms in a nationwide hunt to crush a renewed attempt to overthrow President Fulgencio Batista.

### 50 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1948 — A bloody revolt in Bogotá, Colombia, halted the Pan American Conference that was in session. Secretary of State George C. Marshall and other members of the U.S. delegation were reported safe.

# Augusta keeps Mastery over golfing's best

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — When he won the Masters in record fashion last year, Tiger Woods took 40 shots on the first nine holes, made a minor swing adjustment on the 10th tee and left the field behind.

On Friday, he was simply trying to stay in the hunt.

At the end of another day filled with missed greens and missed opportunities, Woods stared at a 15-foot par-saving putt on the 18th hole, one that broke three inches to the right and then an inch back to the left.

"I made some mistakes earlier and I didn't want to have another bogey," Woods said. "I felt I needed to make that putt and finish even for the day."

Ahead of him in the clubhouse was David Duval, who put on a Tiger-like birdie blitz on the back nine for a 68 that put him at 5-under-par 139.

Right behind Woods was former Masters champion Fred Couples, also at 5-under and showing no signs of letting up.

The putt slipped in the left side, curled around the lip to the other side and finally settled safely in the bottom of the cup.

"I'm right there in the ball game, where I can shoot a good score," Woods said.

But it's not the same game he played last year. Or the same course.

"The course is winning," Couples said. "I'm leading with David Duval, but Au-

gusta National is doing what it's supposed to do."

The deceptive, swirling winds kept scores down again for the second straight day, leaving only eight players under par going into today's third round.

Scott Hoch, who missed a 2-foot birdie putt in a playoff against Nick Faldo in 1989 and wound up losing on the next hole, missed a par putt of the same length on the 16th hole and finished with a 71 for 3-under 141.

Woods shot a 72 — he hasn't broken 70 in nine straight rounds — and was joined at 143 with Phil Mickelson (69), Paul Azinger (72), Jose Maria Olazabal (73) and Jay Haas (71).

The second-round surprise was Jack Nicklaus, who brought Augusta to life with a 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th that put him at 1-over 145 and six strokes behind — the same margin he trailed by in 1986 going into the weekend when he won his sixth green jacket.

Nicklaus' round of 72 was particularly impressive considering Greg Norman, Nick Faldo, Tom Lehman and Tom Watson failed to make the cut.

"I don't expect to beat the kids," Nicklaus said. "But when we get tough conditions, I'm going to have a chance."

Only Couples and Duval managed to make somewhat of a run as the winds calmed only slightly Friday afternoon.

## *Death finally stills announcer's voice*

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mary Fendrich Hulman was more at home at an art show than a race track. Yet for almost 20 years, her frail voice carried one of the most powerful commands in all of sports to a worldwide audience of millions.

Weakened from emphysema and needing a prompt at almost every word, the matriarch of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway still managed to deliver her final "Gentlemen, start your engines!" at the NASCAR Brickyard 400 in 1996.

As her health declined, she missed the Indianapolis 500 in 1997, relinquishing the famous command for the first time to her daughter, Mari Hulman George. On Friday, four days before the start of rookie tests for the May 24 race, Hulman, 93, died in her home at an Indianapolis retirement community.

A descendant of German immigrants who earned a fortune making cigars, Hulman was the widow of speedway owner Tony Hulman, a businessman who bought the crumbling, weed-infested track at the end of World War II and turned it into the world's premier motorsports showcase.

After Tony Hulman died in 1977, his wife became Speedway chairwoman of the board and carried on his famous command.

# Missing stars fail to halt charge to victory

By Associated Press

The San Antonio Spurs won without David Robinson, and the Utah Jazz won without Karl Malone.

With Malone serving a one-game suspension for knocking Robinson unconscious with a flying elbow, the Jazz beat the Los Angeles Clippers 126-109 Friday night.

The suspension ended Malone's streak of 543 consecutive starts, but his absence didn't hurt the Jazz against the lowly Clippers. Jeff Hornacek scored 23 points and Howard Easley had a career-high 22 as Utah won its sixth straight game and strengthened its hold on the top seed in the Western Con-

ference.

"This was the kind of game where we had to be mentally prepared, because the only team that was going to beat us was us," said Chris Morris, who scored 16 points in his first start of the season for Utah.

The Jazz increased their lead to 11/2 games over Seattle, which lost to the Robinson-less Spurs 99-84.

Jaren Jackson scored a career-high 31 points and rookie Tim Duncan had 28 points and 17 rebounds to make up for the loss of Robinson, who is expected to be out at least through the weekend as he recovers from the concussion and knee injury sustained Wednesday night.

Elsewhere, it was: Atlanta 99, Char-

lotte 87; Miami 111, Toronto 105 in overtime; Minnesota 107, Philadelphia 102; Phoenix 114, Los Angeles Lakers 105; and Houston 97, Sacramento 85.

## **Celtics 82, Magic 80, OT**

At Boston, Ron Mercer hit a 15-foot jumper with 14 seconds left in overtime as the Celtics avoided elimination from the playoff race and severely damaged Orlando's bid for a postseason spot.

The Celtics must win their remaining five games and eighth-place New Jersey must lose its last six games for Boston to make the playoffs.

The Magic, who have four games left, fell two games behind idle New Jersey in the Eastern Conference.



## Duncan, Hardaway join World Championship team

By Associated Press

Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs and Tim Hardaway of the Miami Heat were chosen Friday for the final two spots on the U.S. men's World Championship team, the Associated Press learned.

A source close to USA Basketball, the governing body for the Olympic and World Championship teams, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Duncan and Hardaway were selected at a meeting in Phoenix, where an NBA pre-draft camp is being held.

An announcement is not expected until both players have signed contracts, which

could take several days.

"I don't know if it's true, but if it is that's great," Hardaway said after Miami's victory Friday night over Toronto. "I'm happy. I'll go to Greece, take my family over ... and we'll have some fun."

The other 10 roster spots were chosen last summer at the league meetings in Orlando. Those selected were Vin Baker and Gary Payton of Seattle, Terrell Brandon of Milwaukee, Kevin Garnett and Tom Gugliotta of Minnesota, Grant Hill of Detroit, Allan Houston of New York, Christian Laettner of Atlanta, Glen Rice of Charlotte and Chris Webber of Washington.

Gugliotta was selected after Shaquille O'Neal turned down an invitation.

Duncan, 21, is a shoo-in to win the Rookie of the Year award. He is averaging 20.6 points, 11.9 rebounds and 2.44 blocks while shooting 54.5 percent, among the league leaders in each of those categories.

Hardaway, 32, an eight-year veteran and four-time All-Star, was believed to have beaten out Jason Kidd of Phoenix and Eddie Jones of the Lakers.

Duncan, a 7-footer, and Hardaway, an excellent passer, shooter and defender, fit the qualifications of having "big names" and are excellent all-around players.

## Schilling pitches Phils into first

By Associated Press

What's up in the NL East?

In an early season surprise, the Philadelphia Phillies moved into first place Friday night when Curt Schilling pitched them to a 1-0 victory over Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves.

"We've played well just about every day so far this year," Schilling said.

"We're playing the best teams in our division right now, and we have to prove to ourselves that we can play with them for nine innings every day."

It's no surprise the Florida Marlins are struggling after an offseason dismantling. But they set a team record with their ninth straight loss — 4-1 to Pittsburgh — that dropped them to 1-9, the worst start ever for a World Series champion.

"It's tough to lose ballgames — period," Marlins manager Jim Leyland said. "You just have to be patient and ride it out."

In other games, San Diego rallied past Arizona 6-4, Chicago beat Montreal 13-0, Cincinnati downed Colorado 18-7, San Francisco beat St. Louis 5-3, Milwaukee defeated New York 5-3 and Los Angeles topped Houston 7-2.

Philadelphia was tied with the Cubs last season for the worst record in the majors at 68-94. They're better this year.

Schilling won his second matchup with Maddux in a week when Mike Lieberthal singled home the only run.



## Yankees, A's break loose

By Associated Press

Fans at Yankee Stadium saw almost everything except a game-ending home run. Those kind of heroics came a little later at Fenway Park and Jacobs Field.

Friday afternoon began with a wild one in the Bronx. In the highest-scoring game in Yankee Stadium's 75 years, New York outlasted the Oakland Athletics 17-13.

"That's amazing," said third baseman Scott Brosius, traded from the A's to the Yankees in the offseason. "It was one of those games that you just can't explain."

Joe DiMaggio threw out the first ball for the home opener, then joined the largest regular-season crowd in Yankee Stadium history — 56,717 — in watching the Yankees take a 16-13 lead in the fifth inning.

Brosius drove in four runs and Tino

Martinez homered and drove in five. The 30 combined runs surpassed the previous high set in a 17-11 win by the Yankees over the Philadelphia Athletics on June 3, 1933.

But for late-inning drama, Mo Vaughn and Jim Thome did the honors.

Vaughn's grand slam capped a seven-run rally in the ninth inning that led the Red Sox over the Seattle Mariners in Boston's home opener.

Randy Johnson struck out 15 in eight innings for the Mariners, but Seattle's shaky bullpen failed again.

And Thome capped Cleveland's home opener with a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 10th, lifting the Indians over the Anaheim Angels.

The pitchers did a little better in the night games. Chicago topped Tampa Bay 3-0, Texas beat Toronto 4-3, Kansas City defeated Minnesota 5-4 and Detroit downed Baltimore 7-1.



## Sabres grab Eastern playoff spot

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Two months into the season, Buffalo Sabres coach Lindy Ruff couldn't have imagined his team would be in the position it is now.

The Sabres were mired in turmoil in October and November when they recorded just 19 points.

On Friday night, Donald Audette and Curtis Brown scored 44 seconds apart in third period to beat the Montreal Canadiens 2-1 and clinch a playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"It was a huge game for us," Ruff said. "I thought we worked about as hard as we have worked all season."

Buffalo has 85 points and is tied for fourth place in the conference with Boston. Clinching fourth place would mean home ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

Montreal is in seventh place with 83 points. The top eight teams in each conference qualify for the playoffs.

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